GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC ROPE SHOVELS BY CIL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of electric rope shovels purchased by the Coal India Limited during the last three years as on March 31, 2003;

(b) the names of companies from which the said shovels were purchased;

(c) whether the global tenders were invited for the purchase of these shovels;

(d) if not, the reasons therefore and the manner in which these shovels are procured;

(e) the price of 10 cubic meter electric rope shovel at present;

(f) whether it is a fact that in the year 1999 such variety of imported B.E. shovels has been purchased by Bharat Earth Movers Limited at the cost of Rs. 13 crore;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the saving accrued by CIL in purchase of shovels due to decline in prices in the world market as compared to the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a) : Nine (9) nos. of 10 M3 Electric Rope Shovelsand Nine (9) nos. of 5 M3 Electric Rope Shovels were procured during last three years.

(b): The names of the companies from which the shovels were purchased are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the company	Quantity ordered
	10 M3 Elec. Rope Shovel	
1.	BEML	6 Nos.
2.	HEC	3 Nos.
	5 M3 Elec. Rope Shovel	
1.	HEC	9 Nos.

(c): Global tenders were not invited for the purchase of these shovels.

(d): The shovels were procured by way of issue of open domestic tender, strictly following the approved guidelines of CIL. This facilitates availability of adequate after sales service and spare parts support from the infrastructure created by the Indian manufacturers.

(e): The present ex-works price of 10 M3 Rope Shovelis Rs. 13.72 crore (for addition requirement where concessional rate of customs duty i s applicable for imported kits) and Rs. 15.7136 crore (for replacement requirement where normal higher rate of customs duty is applicable for imported kits).

(f): Not known to this Ministry.

(g): Not applicable in view of reply given to part (f) above.

(h): Since the tender was invited from proven indigenous manufacturers only, the international price trend was not exactly known. However, there is no reported downward trend in international market for such shovels. Prices accepted by Coal India was found reasonable on comparison with the price accepted in World Bank tender and also at Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Andhra Pradesh in 1998 for similar shovels, escalated due to exchange rate variation upto the date of opening of tender.